

Proposed Changes to the Commonwealth Diploma

Appendix A

Current Commonwealth Diploma	Commonwealth Diploma with an Academic Focus	Commonwealth Diploma with a Career and Technical Focus
<p>Requirements for the Commonwealth Diploma:</p> <p>(1) Successful completion of at least twenty-two (22) approved units of credit, including all the minimum unit requirements for high school graduation set forth in 704 KAR 3:305 and any additional units specified by the applicable local board of education.</p> <p>(2) Successful completion of all minimum requirements of the Precollege Curriculum established by the Council on Higher Education.</p> <p>(3) (a) Successful completion of at least four (4) courses, as listed below, which contain essential content as described in the Advanced Placement program course description booklets of the College Entrance Examination Board or as described in the International Baccalaureate program course description booklets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English; 2. Science or mathematics; 3. Foreign language; and 4. One (1) additional Advanced Placement course <p>(4) Completion of examinations in at least three (3) of the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate subject areas specified above, without regard to score</p>	<p>Beginning with the graduating class of 2010, the requirements for obtaining a Commonwealth Diploma with an Academic focus are as follows:</p> <p>(1) Successful completion of at least twenty-two (22) approved units of credit, including all the minimum unit requirements for high school graduation set forth in 704 KAR 3:305 and any additional units specified by the applicable local board of education.</p> <p>(2) (a) Successful completion (i.e., receiving a grade or the equivalent of "B" or better) of at least four (4) courses in at least two content areas that contain essential content as described in the Advanced Placement (AP) Program Course Description booklets of the College Entrance Examination Board, which may be obtained from the College Entrance Examination Board; or,</p> <p>(b) Successful completion (i.e., receiving a grade or the equivalent of "B" or better) of at least four (4) courses that contain essential content as described in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program course description booklets, which may be obtained from the International Baccalaureate North America, Inc.;</p> <p>(3) Completion of one (1) AP Examination in at least three (3) of the AP or IB areas specified in subsection (3) of this section, with one passing score consisting of a three (3) or higher on the AP Examination or a score of four (4) or higher on the IB Examination received prior to senior year so that the score will be received in a timely manner to process the Commonwealth Diploma; and</p>	<p>Beginning with the graduating class of 2010, the requirements for obtaining a Commonwealth Diploma with a Career and Technical focus are as follows:</p> <p>(1) Successful completion of at least twenty-two (22) approved units of credit, including all the minimum unit requirements for high school graduation set forth in 704 KAR 3:305 and any additional units specified by the applicable local board of education;</p> <p>(2) Successful completion (i.e., receiving a grade or the equivalent of "B" or better) in at least two (2) AP or IB courses;</p> <p>(3) Completion of one (1) AP Examination in at least two (2) of the AP or IB areas as described in the Advanced Placement (AP) Program Course Descriptions published by the College Entrance Examination Board or as described in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program course descriptions published by the International Baccalaureate North America, Inc., with one passing score consisting of a three (3) or higher on the AP Examination or a score of four (4) or higher on the IB Examination received prior to senior year so that the score will be received in a timely manner to process the Commonwealth</p>

	(4) A composite score of 1200 or higher on the verbal and mathematics sections of the SAT or a composite score of 24 on the ACT.	Diploma; (4) A composite score of 1200 or higher on the mathematics and verbal sections of the SAT or a composite score of 24 on the ACT; (5) Successful completion (i.e., receiving a grade or the equivalent of “B” or better) in at least one (1) dual credit technical course; and (6) Receive a Skill Standards Certificate.
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